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# Memorial Hall Newsletter

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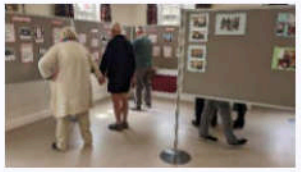
## Keeping you posted

In the past few months, the new kitchen which was fitted in August 2023 has been enjoyed by many, we have received a lot of positive feedback over the layout and how much workspace there is to use!

## Celebrating 100 Years

To mark the Hall's 100th birthday on Saturday 18th May, we celebrated with a 1920's style café, an exhibition detailing the history of the hall, along with a small artisan market.

The Trustees of the Hall would like to thank everyone who attended the event it was a huge success. The turnout was great, and it was fabulous to see so many residents support the Hall, meeting up to talk about how many of their ancestors helped to fund raise to build the Hall. We have received lots of lovely comments, thank you, and here's to another 100 years!



For further information about the Hall contact Mrs Nicole Mullee:
Tel 07963 861791 or email memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

## Car Park

Managing the Hall's Car Park is an ongoing issue. The Car Park is only to be used by those who have hired the hall. Please remember it's a Private Car Park of a very busy Village Hall where people have paid to hire the facility. The Disabled Spaces are for attendees at the Hall.

## Hall Meetings

The Trustees meet every 6 weeks to discuss managing the Hall and make decisions on maintenance and the wish list!

## NewsFlash

We are pleased to have been awarded grant funding from South Cambs D.C for New Curtains and fittings in the Meeting Room.

The Trustees are currently awaiting news on further applications for solar panels and an EV charging point from other grant providers. Fingers crossed!

### HALL'S HOURLY RATES
### W.E.F 1ST APRIL 2024

| | HALL | MEETING ROOM |
|---|---|---|
| CLUB | £ 11.00 | £ 9.00 |
| RESIDENT | £ 19.00 | £ 15.00 |
| BUSINESS | £ 22.00 | £ 22.00 |

# EDITORIAL

What happened to summer? the rain seems to have been everlasting! hopefully by now it has cleared up and we have the sunshine and warmth we have been waiting for! Summer holidays! for many so enjoy it- if you went somewhere unusual or spent time exploring our area tell us about it- it is amazing what is out there if we bother to look.

Fewer events in August and the start of September we try to tell everyone but if nobody tells us ....!

Speeding is an emotive subject but the fact remains that our village roads are narrow-many have no pavement please respect the speed limit!

Autumn will see the return of classes/groups in lots of activities - why not try something new you may discover a talent you did not know you had!

Deadline for the next issue is 20th August - so if you have an event in October or November this is the date we need to know so we can tell everybody!

Thanks
Editor

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## Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

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| Saturday 31 August | Hale Road Allotments | Mini Market 10.00am to 1.00pm in Market Street |
| Saturday 28 September | St Andrews Church | Harvest Happenings - details to follow |
| Friday 18 October | St Andrews Church | Wine Tasting Evening |

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **August** | | |
| Friday 2 | Refuse Collection | Green & Blue Bins |
| Thursday 8 | Parish Council | Planning Meeting |
| Friday 9 | Refuse Collection | Black Bin Collection |
| Friday 16 | Refuse Collection | Green & Blue Bins |
| Monday 19 | Parish Council | Full Council Meeting |
| Friday 23 | Refuse Collection | Black Bin Collection |
| Friday 30 | Refuse Collection | Green & Blue Bins |
| Saturday 31 | Hale Road Allotments | Mini Market 10.00am to 1.00pm in Market Street |
| **September** | | |
| Friday 6 | Refuse Collection | Black Bin Collection |
| Thursday 12 | Parish Council | Planning Meeting |
| Friday 13 | Refuse Collection | Green & Blue Bins |
| Friday 20 | Refuse Collection | Black Bin Collection |
| Monday 23 | Parish Council | Full Council Meeting |
| Friday 27 | Refuse Collection | Green & Blue Bins |
| Saturday 28 | St Andrews Church | Harvest Happenings - details to follow |
| **October** | | |
| Thursday 10 | Parish Council | Planning Meeting |
| Friday 18 | St Andrews Church | Wine Tasting Evening |



# CLUB REPORTS

## Swavesey WI News

Meetings coming up

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| September 9th | History of Costumes- The Roaring Twenties. Talk by Fran Saltmarsh. |
| October 14th | Apple Day and Harvest Festival Competition. |
| November 11th | Make your own Christmas Cracker. Demonstration by Linda Smith. |

At May's meeting we all took part in a quiz organised by Reuben Hopper. A really fun, sociable and successful evening and our thanks to Reuben who is a master of quiz questions.

In June, five of our members opened their gardens for fellow members to enjoy. Despite the rain(and heavy rain it was!) members got out and about the village with macs and umbrellas to enjoy their afternoon. All the gardens were beautiful,colourful and inspiring and were appreciated by us all. Very well done and thank you to all our gardeners. Because of the wet weather, tea and cream scones were served at our usual meeting time that evening in the Memorial Hall.

We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like further information of any of our meetings or you would like to join us, please contact Margaret Guest 01954 202757/ Deirdre Burgess01954 230897.

You can find us on the 4th Thursday of the month hosting Compass Cafe in the Bethel Church.

## WE'RE BACK !!!

Your last magazine came out so early we didn't know what day we would be starting again in the Autumn. Our advice was to keep an eye on the website. Now we can announce we will have our usual Welcome Evening on September 5th, meeting in the Village College. Everyone interested can come along to this event: free entry, refreshments, illustrated talks from our members, a general introduction to our club and all those you might have already met at our popular Annual Exhibition. This is meant as a social event, bringing the Club back into the public eye as does the Exhibition. If you enjoy this you might well decide to join us. If not you will have had an interesting evening with some very friendly local people.

As we have been closed for most of the Summer there isn't much to tell you but congratulations to Kevin who won Image of the Year, with 'Red Kite Bathing'. He won second place too, with 'Blackbird Drinking'. Roger came third with 'Patterns on a Staircase'.

At our AGM we voted for our three Set Subjects which are:

Abandoned, Broken, Damaged.

Weather.

Sports, Games, Pastimes.

This gives everyone time to try to capture images illustrating these topics. We find that members' imaginations often come up with most original interpretations; usually those that are successful have been taken specifically for the topic, not by trolling through one's archive to find something which might fit.

Well, by now our present members will have enjoyed our Annual Dinner, and the super-popular Barbecue in our President's lovely garden. Everyone will be off trying to capture the perfect images of everything on their Summer Hols, unfortunately at present seems all they will get is for our second set subject, 'Weather'.

Mo Hadfield

Swavesey Camera Club

www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk



## News from the Hale Road Allotments

Hopefully by the time this is being read summer will have made an appearance! The weather makes such a difference to the way that crops at Hale Road grow, and as I write this in June, all of us are disappointed in the growth so far. We humans like a bit of sunshine and so do our plants! I am hoping that things will have improved, and we will have an abundance of fruit and vegetables. The wider community will be able to sample some of our produce on Saturday 31st August. We are again holding our Produce Sale on Market Street Green from 10.00. Everyone will be able to purchase the freshest of fruit and vegetables along with jams, chutneys, and even a fruit crumble. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

If the thought of growing your own appeals to you, then please contact me. My details are in the club page. Not only do we on Hale Road allotments enjoy some wonderful produce, we also get plenty of exercise, as there are always jobs to do. It could be digging, watering, or dare I say chatting to fellow plot holders!

Val (Chair Hale Road Allotments)

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## Swavesey Spartans FC

Formed in 1989 the club relies totally on volunteers to provide opportunities for local children from any background to play football in a safe environment.

Spartans' players have had a 3-month break from league and cup games the professional game hardly stops. The final of Euro 2024 hosted by Germany was on 14 July and the new season of Premier League football, the top tier in England, starts on 17 August. Locally Cambridge United remain in the third tier (League 1) of the English Football League (EFL) for 2024/25 and start games on 10 August. In the "hot seat" is Garry Monk the former Swansea, Leeds, Middlesbrough, Birmingham and Sheffield Wednesday Head Coach. He was appointed Head Coach at Cambridge United in March.

Swavesey Spartans reflected on and celebrated the 2023/24 season at the annual Spartans Day event which returned to its traditional home, Swavesey Green, and was held on the traditional Sunday, Fathers Day. We are usually lucky with the weather, but this year proved no exception despite forecasts to the contrary. Club players enjoyed themselves playing football whilst families and residents interacted at this village celebration event. A rather slick presentation ceremony was conducted with Ipswich Town's Issy Bryant presenting the awards. Players received mementoes recognising them as Spartans in 2023/24. 4 of the girl's team had completed their full youth football careers with Spartans and were presented with their long service tankards. Each league team presented awards to their Player's Player (PP), Managers Player (MP) and Most Improved Player (MIP). The winners of the main club awards for 2023/24 season were:

Under 9 mini: PP Henry Pettit; MP Lenny Cranch; MIP Morgan Barrett

Under 10 mini: PP Moses Smith; MP Riley Westley; MIP Alice Asamova

Under 11 mini: PP Easton Rossman; MP Edward Bruce; MIP Easton Rossman

Under 12: colts: PP Alex Cooper; MP Louie De Simone

Under 13: girls: PP Keira Jarvis; MP Ellie Cranch; MIP Jess Wrigley

Under 13 colts league PP Ollie Bryan; MIP Jake Ogilvie

Under 14 colts league PP Finlay Sayward; MP Zachary Smith; MIP Joseph Wilson

Under 15 girls league PP Thalia Wooding; MIP Phoebe Ewles



Under 15 colts league PP Luke Carminati; MP Luke Carminati; MIP Gus Pettengell

Under 17 girls league PP Abi Todd; MP Ellie Cayley; MIP Katie Raven

Under 18 colts league PP Rian Mason; MP Archie Burling; MIP Ben Cayley

Long Service Awards: Ellie Cayley; Isabelle Collier; Charlotte Kavanagh; Freya Pyne

Spartans' teams will start their fixtures 7 September. Please come along to Spartans home games on the Green, at Swavesey Village College or on Fen Drayton Recreation Ground and watch some great games of football for free? The most significant change will be the under 9 and below age groups where deliberate heading of the ball will be an offence punished with an indirect free kick. These games will have no throw-ins, instead it will be pass-ins or dribble-ins. This change is protecting players from head injuries; certainly, a step forward from thinking in 1989 when starting grassroots youth football clubs was seen as a huge leap forward.

## Over Gardening Club

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| September 18th | George Lockwood | Spring Bulbs | MAIN HALL @ 7:30pm | *Judging of Begonia plants* |
| October 16th | Tim Henshaw | History of NIAB | MAIN HALL @ 7:30pm | |
| November 20th | Hawk Honey | The Forgotten Bees | MAIN HALL @ 7:30pm | |
| December 18th | | Christmas Social Evening | MAIN HALL Time 7pm tbc | |

Over Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday each month at 7.30pm in the Main Hall at Over Community Centre. Our new club year begins on the 1st of April 2024 and the subscription is £15 per year or £3.00 per visit for visitors.

Members benefit from 10% discount on production of a current OGC membership card from Oakington Garden Centre.

Committee Members : Richard Cox – Chairman, Jeremy Tyrrell – Treasurer, Pam Allars – Secretary, Carole Cowley – Membership, Julie Wilson – Member Liaison, Jan Hook – Programme Organiser, Carolyn Redmayne – Raffle, Julie Carter, Cynthia Bidwell, Rachel Henshaw.

**For enquiries you can now email us at: gardeningclubover@gmail.com**

# Fenland Farming in the 1950s

**(17 September; Swavesey & District History Society returns)**

Year after year our programme contains a wide variety of expert speakers and interesting local subjects. Earlier in 2024 the topics included –

- The History of Marshalls of Cambridge.
- Cholera Epidemics in the 19th Century.
- Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore.

The History Society meets at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in The Carol Shaw Room at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 20 metres along the corridor to the right. No need to book so you are welcome to just walk in. If you want further information, contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037.

The new season starts on Tuesday 17 September when Selwyn Richardson of Swavesey, who grew up on a farm in West Norfolk, tells us about fenland farming in the 1950s.


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# An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Our year on the reserve is split into two halves: the autumn-winter habitat management season and the spring-summer breeding season.

During the colder months of the year there is plenty for us to do. With our volunteer groups, we are kept busy as we go around the reserve carrying out work to maintain or enhance areas for our key breeding species. Nesting islands and rafts on the lakes are cleared of vegetation, willow is removed from reedbeds, scrub is coppiced, and many other tasks are carried out to provide the ideal habitats for our target breeding species.

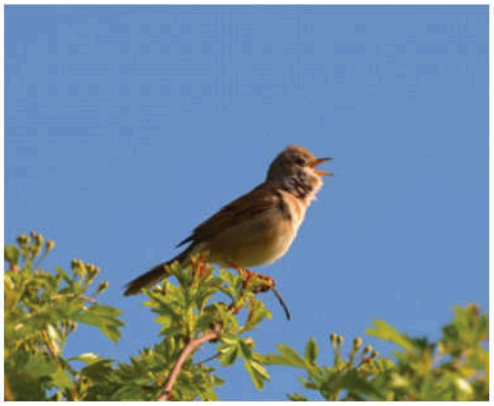
The spring and summer are when we get to see the results of all this hard work as millions of birds pour into the UK to take advantage of the warmer weather for breeding. There is always some apprehension early in the season as we wait to see which species arrive on site to set up territories and nest. Many of our breeding birds are long distance migrants, spending the winter throughout Sub-Saharan and Southern Africa.

Some, like the Common Whitethroat may have been in Nigeria for the winter. Averaging just 14g, this small bird will fly thousands of miles over its lifetime, often coming back to the same patch of scrub year on year to nest.

As the summer progresses, why not come down to the reserve to look for these, and many other, charismatic birds around the trails.

**Upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes**

Wild(ish) Camping for Groups - A unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.



***Common Whitethroat – Henry Cook***

Guided Canoe Trail - Slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover one of the harder to view lakes from a new perspective.

Wednesday Wander Guided Walk - Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

To see further details and book for all the events mentioned, please visit:

events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

**Volunteering opportunities**

We are looking for new volunteers to join our visitor engagement team here at Fen Drayton Lakes. In this role you will be giving visitors a warm welcome and finding out how you can help them enjoy their visit, whether that's pointing out where they can see wildlife, advising on which trail to go around or providing information about Fen Drayton Lakes and what makes the reserve a special place.

To find out more, please get in touch.
Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

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# MISCELLANY

## It Will Probably Be Cloudy…

### A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during August and September.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors, at the peak you could see up to one hundred meteors per hour, and you might even catch some fireballs too. The shower runs annually from 17th July to 24th August. It peaks this year on the night of 11th August and the morning of 12th August.

14th August sees a conjunction of Mars and Jupiter. The planets will pass within 0.31 degrees of each other in the pre-dawn sky.

The full moon on 19th August was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon. Since this is the third of four full moons in this season, it is known as a blue moon. This rare calendar event only happens once every few years, giving rise to the term, “once in a blue moon.” There are normally only three full moons in each season of the year. But since full moons occur every 29.53 days, occasionally a season will contain four full moons. The extra full moon of the season is known as a blue moon. Blue moons occur on average once every 2.7 years.

21st August will see a Lunar Occultation of Saturn. In the UK, the Moon will pass in front of Saturn - an event known as a lunar occultation. This will be in the pre-dawn sky between 04:25–05:23 BST.

On 28th August Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS which was discovered at the beginning of 2023, is 30 days from perihelion, its closest point to the Sun. Some calculations suggest that Tsuchinshan-ATLAS might become as brilliant as Venus around 8th October. Hopefully, we will know more for the next issue.

On 5th September, the planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

On 8th September Saturn will be at opposition. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.



A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

The full moon on 18th September was known by early Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September equinox each year. This is also the first of three supermoons for 2024. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Also on 18th September, a partial lunar eclipse will occur when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra, and only a portion of it passes through the darkest shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow.

Neptune moves into opposition on 20th September. Due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

The Autumnal equinox occurs on 22nd September marking the end of summer and the start of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

Chris & Helen Nunn

## Selwyn’s Alphanumeric Quiz. Part 2.

Back to the verbal numbers quiz this month because many find it more interesting than the pop groups quiz. If you found the April/May version too easy, see if this one is more challenging. Example 1: 7 D in a W. 7 Days in a Week. Example 2: 23 R C. H of T H. 23 Railway Cuttings. Home of Tony Hancock. Does that give you confidence?

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 25 | D is C D | 6 | C12H22O11 | A K A S |
| 2 | 12 | D of C | 7 | 15 | M on a D M C |
| 3 | 12 | S of the Z | 8 | 7 | B for S B |
| 4 | 12 | B M S | 9 | 57 | H V |
| 5 | 12 | G M and T | 10 | 6 | S B on the B S |

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 17

## Will Wright Memories

Towards the back end of 1966 we were contacted by a local agency who asked if would like to go to Germany for a few gigs in the forthcoming New Year. Needless to say we said " yes of course," a whole new world was about to open up! So in the last week of January we loaded the van and caught the ferry from Harwich to the harbour town of Bremen which is little more than a stones throw from Hamburg.

Our first and largest venue was a club in Kiel, which is located on the Baltic - not very warm in February, the club was called the "Electric Action" and was more than a club as it was a converted extremely large cinema which could accommodate about a 1000 punters or more. So Kiel was our first port of call and we were scheduled there for 2 weeks performances prior to a visit to Hamburg. It turned out that we had not been given all the info prior to arrival, which we were later to find out was "par for the course". We were expected to play 7 x 45 minute slots each day - 45minutes on 15 off, except for Friday, Saturday & Sunday when an additional 3 slots were included at lunch time prior to a 3 hour break..

What was slightly intimidating was when one of the club's Bouncers would stand by the side of the stage and tap his watch when it was time for another set. We later found out that the in house bars could charge more for the price of drinks whilst the bands were actually playing. The club had a considerable number of these "gentlemen", several of whom where obviously carrying guns in their outfits!

Accommodation was supplied as promised though it was a very basic room for up to 8 people, and apart from a shower & in-house conveniences it's main benefit was the location being in the club's basement and adjoining the main heating system - essential when residing along the Baltic in winter.

We managed to survive the first couple of weeks and then we were shipped off to Hamburg for the first 2 days of the following week where we performed at the Top Ten Club, just down the road from the well known Star Club, We felt more at home in the Top Ten as it related so much more to the venues we had become used to in the UK prior to returning to Kiel for a further 10 days or so at the "Electric Action". We were then asked if we could do a couple of days in the Star Club back in Hamburg - well there was no way we were going to turn down this offer! not that it made us tax exiles! The accommodation for both short stays in Hamburg was interesting as it was actually on the " Reeperbahn ", infamous & interesting but that's all I am saying Selwyn.

What was really interesting here was that we had been meeting a few fellow English musos & the question of promised payments not being made was



constantly arising, especially in connection with some of the promoters we were dealing with, who weren't able to fulfil their obligation but always had another promoter friend who ran a nearby venue who would be able to, funny that wasn't it?

On getting back to the Electric Action in Kiel we asked to see the "main man" as we were not receiving our promised payment, Strangely enough not only was he not available but he wasn't in the town either!!

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## The Over Players Panto is announced

This year will we be performing the well-loved story of the spellbound sleeping princess, Sleeping Beauty.

For those new to the area, The Over Players is our local Amdram group, drawing membership from a very wide area including Willingham, Swavesey, Longstanton and Northstowe to name just a few.

Are you keen to tread those boards? Maybe you prefer to be involved behind the scenes, perhaps you are interested in make-up, costumes, stage set construction or the technical side. Or maybe helping during the performances as stage crew, musician or chaperones? We are a lovely group and open to anyone year 7 or above (we have no upper age limit!). You will be given a very warm welcome in whatever capacity you are keen to try.

There are many opportunities to be involved so check out these dates for your diary. All events will take place either at the Church Hall in Over or at the Over Community Centre.

- 4 September Read Through 7.30-10pm
- 8 September Performance Workshop 4pm-7pm
- 11 September Open Auditions for lead roles (no audition for chorus members) from 7pm
- 18 September First Rehearsal
- 10-14 December Show dates

Contact:- secretary@overplayers.uk for more information. Let the magic begin!

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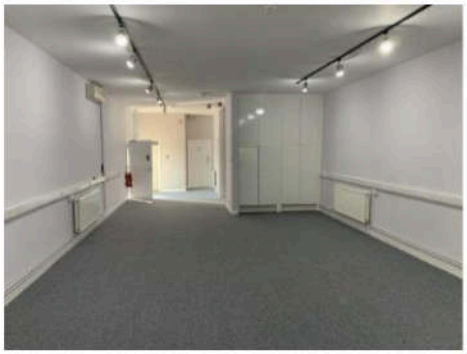
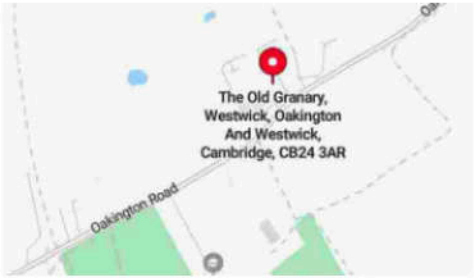
## The Old Granary - Westwick (near Oakington

The property comprises a ground floor open plan office suite within an attractive converted granary. The office benefits from gas fired central heating, ample car parking, bicycle parking, kitchen, WC and showering facilities.



The village of Westwick (near Oakington) is situated approximately 3 miles to the northwest of Cambridge and only 2 miles from the A14 and M11. The Guided Busway, connecting Huntingdon, St Ives and Cambridge, is approximately 150 metres away.

Mains electricity, gas and water are available to the premises.

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## Answers to Selwyn's Alphanumeric Quiz on page 13

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| 1 | 25 | D is C D | 25 December is Christmas Day |
| 2 | 12 | D of C | 12 Days of Christmas |
| 3 | 12 | S of the Z | 12 Signs of the Zodiac |
| 4 | 12 | B M S | One, Two, Buckle My Shoe |
| 5 | 12 | G M and T | 12 Good Men and True |
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**UNPROFITABLE FRUIT GROWING. 22nd Aug. 1924**

A Swavesey resident has not found Lammas pears a profitable investment this year. He sent eight half-sieves of pears to market, where they made 8s. From this amount 5s. 4d. was deducted for railway charges, 8d. for market dues, and 8d. for commission, leaving 1s. 4d. for the grower. Owing to illness, the grower had to employ a man to gather the fruit at a cost of 5s., and therefore found himself out of pocket to the tune of 3s. 8d.

**BULL PLAYS HAVOC. 29th Aug. 1924**

Breaking through a hedge from an adjoining field, a bull on Thursday week played havoc with the movable fence surrounding the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground. Charging the fence, the animal tossed the rails and posts high in the air, breaking or splitting many of them. Three or four children, who were playing on the ground, were fortunately able to get out of harm's way. But there might have been a very different tale to tell if the school had not been closed for the harvest holidays.

**THE SCHOOL. 12th Sept. 1924**

The National School will be re-opened on Monday morning after the summer holiday. During the vacation the interior of the building has been thoroughly cleaned, all the rooms have been re-painted and the walls distempered. Various shades of bluey-green paints have been used for the doors, beams, etc., while the walls are white with a dado of bright bluey-green. The ceiling and window frames have been painted white. The work has been done by Mr. Mitham, Swavesey. The clock outside the school is being repaired, the expense being borne by subscribers in the village, and it is hoped will very shortly be in going order once again.



**CRICKET FINALE. 12th Sept. 1924**

The Swavesey Cricket Club first eleven, who, as already announced, have achieved the proud position of being at the head of the Turner (Hunts.) Cricket League will on Thursday next receive medals and challenge cup at the hands of its donor, Mr. H. S. Turner, of St. Ives. On that day a match, commencing at 11 a.m., will be played on the Recreation Ground between the Champions and the Rest of the League, the latter team, it is understood, being captained by Mr. Turner. Lunch will be provided in the Memorial Hall at 1.30 p.m. and tea at 4.30, and at 7.30 a concert in aid of the Swavesey Cricket Club Funds will be given in the Hall by Mr. Turner, who will be assisted by friends.

**.DISAPPOINTED. 19th Sept. 1924**

A Swavesey cottager, the winner of the special prize for gaining most successes at the local show in August, had a sad disappointment on Tuesday when he could not find the splendid specimens of kidney potatoes he had selected for exhibition at this week's Fruit and Vegetable Show in the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. On making inquiry, he ascertained that they had been cooked by mistake for his Sunday dinner, and he then remembered that he had remarked on the exceptional excellence of the potatoes he was eating.

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OWLS have undertaken almost 10,000 journeys since its formation, helping many elderly and people with poor mobility/health in our Community to attend medical appointments and occasional social visits. Customers are very appreciative and value the service, knowing that drivers are local friendly people who are giving their time to help others.

In recent months we have unfortunately lost several of our drivers due to changes in circumstance and health and we are now in a position where we can't meet demand for journeys and desperately need new drivers. Please help us continue this much needed Community service.

We would also like to recruit additional volunteer coordinators who answer the scheme's mobile and arrange journeys for a fortnight at a time every 8 – 10 weeks (max. 5 times a year). Could you help?

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## SCHOOLS INFORMATION

### 1st Swavesey Scout Group

A couple of years ago Scouting introduced a new group for children aged 4 to 6 years old. This is Squirrels. We're pleased to announce that we are looking to set up a Squirrel Drey. One of our very experienced Beaver Leaders is aiming to lead the group.

Why Squirrels? We want to reach young people who could benefit most from Scouts. Research suggests that the earlier a young person accesses non-formal education, the more positive the impact on their prospects.

The one-hour sessions will be a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts, and they'll help everyone get ready for the adventure of school too.

Sessions will be packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. Of course, none of it would be possible without the support of the amazing leaders who plan and deliver such an inspiring programme.

What we need are 2 things from the people of Swavesey?

The first thing we need people who are willing to give an hour and a little bit most weeks of term time to be leaders. Being a leader is very rewarding. As one of the cub leaders said to me after camp you really get to know the young people in your group. You get to see the young people grow.

You will be given training and support from all the other leaders in our scout group. We are truly a very friendly team of volunteers.

The second thing we need are children! Is your child 2-5 year old? Email us and you can start when we hopefully open in January, or we will add you to the waiting list. Please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk.

Our group scout camp at the end of June was an amazing success with 60 young people, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all camped in tents. Everyone had lots of fun doing activities and singing campfire songs.

Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Cubs meet on Tuesday at 6.15pm and Beavers at 6pm on Thursday.

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# Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

## What a variety!

We have a variety of things to share with you this time. Firstly, many congratulations to one of our leaders, Lara, who recently achieved the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award and attended a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in May.

Swavesey Rangers recently had the opportunity to meet with some Guides from Adelaide in Australia, they wandered around Cambridge chatting and spotting giraffes in the Standing Tall trail (which earned them a badge), swapped badges with each other and some are still chatting online.

Swavesey Guides had a weekend at The Jarman Centre, our county residential site in Newmarket. They choose a 'Cruise the Caribbean' badge to work towards and made passports to cruise Guadeloupe (orchid origami), Barbados (fish biscuits and clay turtles), Dominica (a treasure hunt and edible beach on a plate), St Kitts (wood carving a marshmallow toasting stick), BVI (fabric weaving) and St Lucia (paracord flower keyring) and also collecting a flag sticker for their passports. Unfortunately, it was too stormy to dock in St Maarten (AKA we ran out of time!)

To be a Girlguiding leader we have a small amount of training to do, and one of our new leaders, Genny, recently completed the new Leader Development Programme (LDP). Congratulations Genny, great to have you with us! This re-vamped programme is much quicker and easier to complete than the previous Leader Qualification, so fits better around busy lives. We all need to have up to date First Aid qualifications and we recently hosted a training session in Swavesey for 22 leaders from around Girlguiding Cambs East county.

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## From Your DC - Sue Ellington

**Hello Everybody**

Well the election will be over by the time you read this (thank goodness we all say). But I have no intention of talking politics. In my view my most important job is to represent my ward and to identify and fight for improvements which will help the residents. Also I do rely on residents to keep me informed about district council issues which i can investigate or sort. There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to talk to an officer to clear up a problem - answer phones, texts and emails can be very irritating when you have limited time available and prolong the time you worry. I find the current trend to reduce live staff on the end of a phone and being instructed to go on line makes me want to say "if I could have got the answer on line I would not have tried to speak with a live person!"

Right - enough ranting- the answer is - I answer my phone whenever possible.

The Fen Reservoir project continues to move through the planning procedure - the consultation will be closing on 9th August but you may be interested to learn that the large bore pipe carrying the water from the reservoir is planned to be laid along the Coville Drain bank and must have implications for our village. We will hear more about this.

The Community Warden service continues to try to establish ways of being sustainable- it seems a 'no brainer' to me that a service which keeps over 1800 people to continue to live independently in their own homes in South Cambs as opposed to costing £7500 per month per person in a nursing home which social services would have to fund if the person can not fund themselves. This has to be madness so I will go on telling them so and hopefully report progress in the Autumn.

Well have a good summer. I am available to help on 07774146331 or Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk

**100 years of rural Cambridgeshire royally celebrated at inspiring reception**

Rural community volunteers and dignitaries welcomed HRH The Duke of Gloucester to Ely last week at an event marking the centenary of one of Cambridgeshire's most well-known charities, Cambridgeshire ACRE.

Champions of rural action and support, the Cambridgeshire Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) is celebrating 100 years of making a difference for the 280 villages across Cambridgeshire. Since its inception in 1924, the charity has helped inject an estimated £100 million worth of investment into rural Cambridgeshire communities.

"Cambridgeshire ACRE's role, as an advocate for rural communities, is just as relevant today as it was when it was first founded. If we look back over our 100 years, we see many of the same challenges recurring now for our rural residents - such as cost-of-living crisis, housing shortages and rural isolation - but we now we have an established voluntary sector on our side, supported by a deeply committed team within Cambridgeshire ACRE who work closely with the rural communities we serve." His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Julie Spence OBE QPM

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News May/June 2024

Cllr Doug Hunt was unanimously re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Sandie Smith was re-elected as Vice-Chair for the coming year.

The May meeting is the Annual meeting of the Parish Council in which all various statutory items have to be concluded prior to getting on with the usual regular Parish Business.

**County Council Business**

The proposed Station Road closure from 28th to 30th of May was postponed by Cambridge Water and will now be in place between 7th to 9th of August between Middle Fen Drove junction (Swan Pond) and the Guided Busway Crossing.

The five traffic calming consultation events resulted in numerous responses for the wishes of residents for measures to deal with the ever increasing traffic problems we are experiencing. The PC is now reviewing the comments and will discuss these further with the County Council Traffic Officers to update the options available - watch this space BUT we will get there!

The PC will be submitting an Expression of Interest in conjunction with the Hall Trustees, to a grant scheme which could provide an electric car charge point in the Memorial Hall car park.

Having reviewed their weed treatment programme following last year's decision not to spray weeds on the highway, the county highways team have returned to chemical spraying and are due to spray the ever growing weeds on our roads by the time you read this, with a follow up treatment sometime in October.

**District Council Business**

The District Council is continuing its "experimental" 4 day working week system. Central Government has written to SCDC and raised concerns about this and has asked that SCDC demonstrates how it is delivering its Best Value Duty by collecting data and reporting this to the DLHC. It has requested this for a further six months from May 2024 before taking further action.

**Planning**

Comments on applications received have been made to Gtr Cambridge Planning, these can be viewed in the Meeting Minutes, published on the Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

The application for change of use of the business premises at 2-4 Station Rd, to residential use and its conversion into 6 one-bed flats, has raised concerns. In particular with regards to lack of parking space for the proposed 6 flats (and 2



# COUNCIL NEWS

from the previously consented application for the other buildings on the site). Concerns were also raised re the safety of the access onto Station Rd, as well as safety & parking during the construction (should it be permitted).

**Drainage**

The PC has returned comments on the Anglian Water consultation for the new Fens Reservoir project. This will affect Swavesey only during its construction as the pipeline transferring water from the reservoir to a treatment works at Madingley will be laid through the Parish, from under the River Gt Ouse between Over-Swavesey and south alongside Covel's Drain towards the A14. Comments relating to construction vehicle access along the droves and proximity of the pipe trench to Covel's Drain were made.

Following concerns raised by the PC earlier this year to DEFRA about river water overtopping the Swavesey riverbank this winter into the Swavesey Fens, a reply has been received from DEFRA which the PC will continue to follow up. Swavesey PC and IDB continue to be very concerned over the Environment Agency's lack of general maintenance of flood defences and river infrastructure and continue to raise this with the EA and DEFRA. Similar concerns are also being raised by other Parish Councils along this stretch of the river.

**Finance**

A grant has been provided to Hale Road Allotment association towards the purchase of a storage unit.

A grant has also been provided to the Swavesey Squash Club towards their continued repairs & improvements to the squash courts.

The RoSPA Play Area Inspection Reports highlighted some minor repairs which have been carried out.

**Village Projects**

The SVC Experience Week this year, July 8th - 11th, will include litter picking and help with the spreading of bark in the play area.

**General Correspondence**

A Beer Festival will be held on July 19th & 20th on the Recreation Green to raise funds for the Pavilion.

The Combined Authority has published information on new bus routes, which includes for the Swavesey area, merging the 1A & 5A routes into a new St Ives to Bar Hill service.

Further details on everything that is discussed at Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes or on the pages of the Council's website at:- www.swavesey.org.uk

# Swavesey Memorial Hall – 100 years old (Part 1)

Swavesey's Memorial Hall was officially opened on 15 May 1924, almost exactly five years after the decision was made to build it. During that time the village people themselves raised the money to fund the project, but why was it needed and why was it built at that particular time?

Until 1924 the various churches and chapels would have held their meetings and entertainments within their organisations. Other groups could have held their functions in the larger pubs or the National School situated on the corner of School Lane and High Street (demolished in 1959-61). The Parish Council held their meetings there – a venue far from ideal as the report in the villages section of the Cambridge Weekly News Independent Press & Chronicle pointed out on 24 January 1919:

"It does not add to the dignity of the parish legislators to have to sit on top of school children's desks facing the Chairman and Clerk more comfortably seated on chairs at a small table, while to squat on the seats is, as I know from painful experience, conducive to cramp and 'pins and needles."

It was also pointed out that "under the New Education Act the school will be needed for educational purposes during the evenings and therefore will not be available for meetings etc." The village needed a Hall, but what was the catalyst that caused it to be built then and where could it be built?

The country had just been through the devastating Great War which had a profound effect on Swavesey and its inhabitants. A Roll of Honour was compiled during the war and updated where necessary. It recorded the service of Swavesey men and those connected to the village including how many times each had been wounded or gassed. This was displayed in the village,



eventually in a purpose made case in front of where the Hall now stands. From the opening of the Hall, it has had pride of place on the wall inside . Included is a separate Roll of Honour for those who gave their lives, many of whom are buried where they died, or whose names are on one of the many monuments to those whose bodies were never found and have no known grave.

The Parish Council debated what form the Hall should take if the village decided to build one. Major Ellis suggested that the old Mission Church which was at Boxworth End, opposite the end of Rose and Crown Road, could be adapted or there was a suggestion that a YMCA hut used during the war could be bought and used. However, it was decided to build new and the newspaper reported:

"At a well-attended meeting of parishioners on 7 May 1919 it was decided unanimously that the war memorial for the parish should take the form of a village hall and institute, brick and slate built, and that the names of all Swavesey men who served in the war should be inscribed inside the building."

Having decided to build a Hall the question to be answered was where it should be built. The subject was widely discussed in early 1919. Most opinions quoted in the newspaper of the time were for using a piece of land that had been bequeathed to the parish by George Long, a prominent local figure, at his death in 1902. The Parish Council had a shed on the front portion of land containing items for the use of the village, e.g. the glass covers for the village streetlamps. There had been discussions about using the land for labourers' cottages. Furthermore, Mr W J Hepher was a tenant with a butcher's shop on the site.

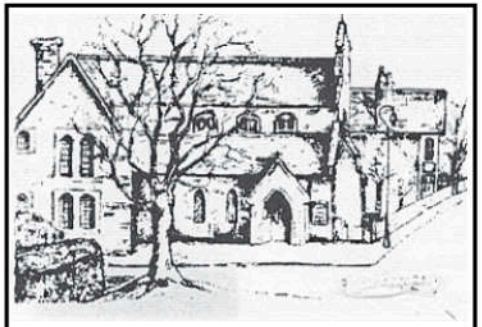
The Swavesey correspondent to the newspaper wrote that: "it would be difficult to find a better position for a hall. The site is in the centre of the village, exactly where a hall should be, and is already the property of the parish". Subsequently at the meeting on 7 May 1919 it was decided that the memorial hall would be erected on the parish property in High Street.

In December 1922 the newspaper reported that: "The tender for the erection of the War Memorial, submitted by Mr Canham, of Somersham, has been accepted, and work will be commenced immediately."

By Mid-January 1923: "The work of digging trenches for the foundations of the War Memorial Hall was commenced on Monday." The newspaper report of 12th October 1923 stated that: "After some discussion the Council resolved unanimously that six months' notice should be served on Mr W J Hepher, terminating his tenancy of the butcher's shop and other premises on the property."

But how could the village fund this large project? To be continued.

Chris Richardson



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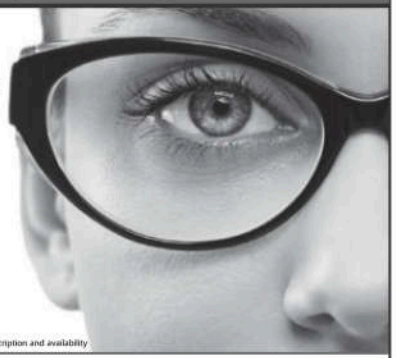

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**"The clowns were particularly good and the last one of them was a little fellow wearing a very wonderful high hat. While he was bowing elaborately to a dignified woman, his hat fell off and an elephant sat on it.**

**"The clown gestured wildly at the elephant, but the beast sat still. He waved and shouted again and again, but the elephant never budged. Angrily the clown stepped behind the elephant and kicked with all his strength, and hopped away with a sore foot in his hands.**

**"Then, frantic with anger, the little clown turned back to the elephant and tried to lift him off the hat. Defeated and in complete despair, the clown sat down and started to eat peanuts. The elephant was interested in peanuts got up, ambled over, and begged for one!"**
***Anon.***

A delightful story that carries a profound meaning; I see a picture of western society happily performing and carrying on the status quo until the proverbial elephant sits on its hat! The elephant can come in many forms opposition, challenge, change, a relationship difficulty etc, but what really matters is what we do about it. Too often, like the clown, we try every device at our disposal exerting time, energy and resources in solving the difficulty when in reality the elephant, and we, need a different focus.

So, what do we have that can act like that bag of peanuts? Without taking the analogy too far, have we considered what is important in life and where our priorities lay? Mind, body and spirit are what make us who we are and each part needs attention; ignore one part and the whole suffers. Perhaps we have to stop trying to be clever, focusing on our own personal success and being concerned about the impression we give and instead be honest about who we are meant to be, maybe then we can experience a measure of peace in our heart.

Pastor Bob.

Bethel Baptist Church.

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**The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm**

THE HUB

Open to all year 6 and secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. Parents must complete a permission form.



# Sunday Services

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services every Sunday from 10:45am followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to everyone and are all family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday. We also have several home groups which meet during the week for Bible study, prayer and support.

## Café Church

Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts!

At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.

We are known for our warm welcome and offer friendship and hospitality to both each other and the local community.

This is an advance notice that the Swavesey Village Christmas Carols will take place on Saturday 14th December in Market Street. Watch out later in the year for more info!

**CONTACT US**

*Pastor Bob- pastorbob@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk*
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# St Andrew's Church

**5folds Benefice News**

Unfortunately, we have not yet found our new Team Rector but we are continuing to pray that the right person will be guided to us. However, we are very grateful that the Rev'd Jenny Hill and Canon Jan Payne are happy to continue to look after us with the help and support of local Priests and Licensed Lay Ministers.

This means that we are still unable to predict exactly what our pattern of services will be from week to week but you can always find information about them on Facebook and online at A Church near You: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/

**Services at St Andrew's**

You are always welcome to join us at 11am on Sunday mornings. We usually hold communion services on the first three Sundays in the month and a more relaxed service of Morning Praise on the fourth Sunday. If you are a musician and would like to join in our worship at that fourth Sunday service, please get in touch. There is a special activity for children at all of our morning services.

If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, you might not find us at St Andrew's as we take this opportunity to praise God with the other churches in our 5Folds Benefice.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine and other countries affected by war. This is followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

**We would love to welcome you to any of our services.**

**Christenings**

Maybe you weren't christened as a child yourself but would like to be now. Perhaps you never got round to having your own children christened due to covid or other circumstances. Maybe you were christened as a baby or child but would now like to find out what it's all about. Whatever the reason, we would like to talk with you!

Please contact Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 or Bridget Lofts: bml20@cam.ac.uk

**Ministry Team:**

Rev'd Jenny Hill (Priest and interim Team Leader): jenny@5folds.org.uk

Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): jan.payne@northstowe.church

Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk

(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)



# St Andrew's Church

**MISSING! Help find Snowy the Sheep: Tuesday, August 13th 10:30am -12:00**

Join us for a fun outdoor church session for children and families. Search the churchyard for Snowy the missing sheep; enjoy some storytelling, crafts and music and finish with some refreshments. This is a free activity which will take place inside if the weather is wet. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Further details from: Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 or Bridget Lofts: bml20@cam.ac.uk

**Events at St Andrew's**

**Harvest Happenings: Saturday, September 28th**

A new event celebrating the Harvest season. Come and see a range of activities including spinning, willow working and corn dolly making.
More information will be available via Facebook and online at: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/.
Please contact the churchwardens for further details.
As always, refreshments will be available.
Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday, September 30th.

**Wine Tasting Evening: Friday, October 18th**

Jonathan Kinns, our local wine expert will be leading an evening of wine tasting in the Lady Chapel. This will be a ticketed event. More details in the October Meridian

MISSING!
HELP FIND SNOWY THE SHEEP!
Holiday Churchyard Fun
Tuesday August 13th 10:30am – 12 noon
Outdoor church for children and families
Storytelling, music, craft and refreshments

**Information**

If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens: Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 or Bridget Lofts: bml20@cam.ac.uk

## Community Groups & Charities

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| Swavesey Sustainability Hub | The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life.<br>Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com<br>Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz |
| Cam Sight | Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-<br>www.camsight.org.uk |
| Cambridgeshire Hearing Help | CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141,<br>E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk<br>Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk |
| Care Network | Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).<br>Website: care-network.org.uk/ |
| Compass Cafe | Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net |
| Swavesey Library | A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:-<br>www.swavesey.org.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/ |
| The Friends of the Rosie Hospital | The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615 |
| East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) | Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134,<br>Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk |
| OWLS Community Car Scheme | Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver<br>Website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-community-care-scheme/ |



# CLUB INFORMATION

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| Army Cadets UK | Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/ |
| Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club | Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234). |
| Swavesey Girlguiding | <table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table> |
| Swavesey Spartans | Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Lewis Walsh (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Neil Jordison (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com or (01954) 204390). |
| 1st Swavesey Scout Group | All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site<br>**Beavers**<br>Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader<br>john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk<br>**Cubs**<br>Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader<br>steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk<br>**Scouts**<br>Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader<br>Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk<br>For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk |
| Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre | Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone (01954) 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221. |
| Swavesey Community Choir | If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes<br>julieholmes78@gmail.com<br>Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk |

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| British Tang Soo Do Institute | British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk<br>Or see our website: www.btsdi.com |
| Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club | Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes are in the primary school main hall at 6pm. The contact details are Master Louise Morton on 07919 050261 or email enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk.<br>The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk |
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| British Legion | For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. (01954) 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com |
| Swavesey Badminton Club | Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on (01954) 230997<br>Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net<br>Website: www.swaveseybadminton.net |
| Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club | For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com |
| Swavesey Camera Club | At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at:- www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore (01954) 230848 |
| Swavesey Squash Club | Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ali@alilokesquash.com.<br>www.swaveseysquash.com |
| Swavesey & Over Cycling Club | We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe.<br>Contact: John Craven<br>Email: socccommittee@gmail.com<br>Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or<br>Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc |



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| Over Netball Club | Local friendly club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball league. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free, £15 per month thereafter.<br>Contact overnetballclub@gmail.com for more information. |
| Over & Willingham Cricket Club | We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of. August.<br>If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested.<br>email - reesonhkx46k@aol.com; Telephone 07768 540146;<br>or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC,<br>or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com |
| Swavesey Music School | Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College.<br>For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/ |
| Swavesey District Bridleway Association | A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758 |
| Swavesey & District History Society | Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037 |
| Swavesey Institute Football Club | Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambs County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737 391445 |
| Linedance | Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker (01954) 231382<br>Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net |
| Swavesey & Over Conservation Society | At the moment we organise interesting walks<br>If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - (01954) 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome! |
| Swavesey & Over Tennis Club | Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com<br>https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc |
| Swavesey RADSoc | Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year.New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com<br>Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk |
| Swavesey W.I. | We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/ coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757 |
| Women's Walking | Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00am. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. - Reasonably robust footwear recommended.<br>All welcome. |

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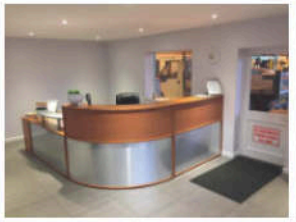

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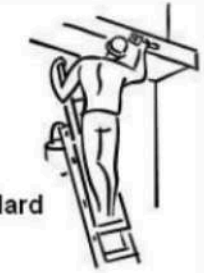

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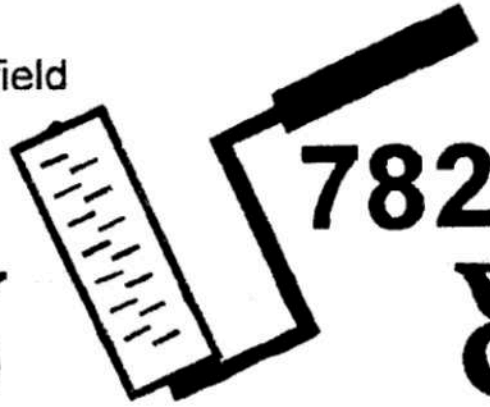

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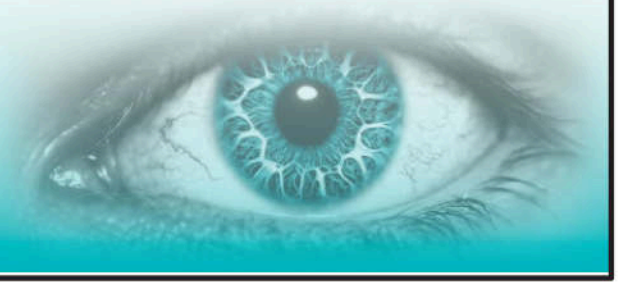



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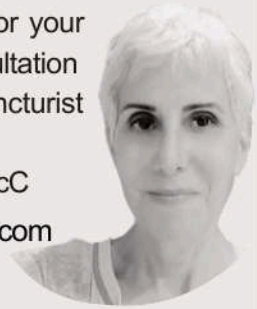

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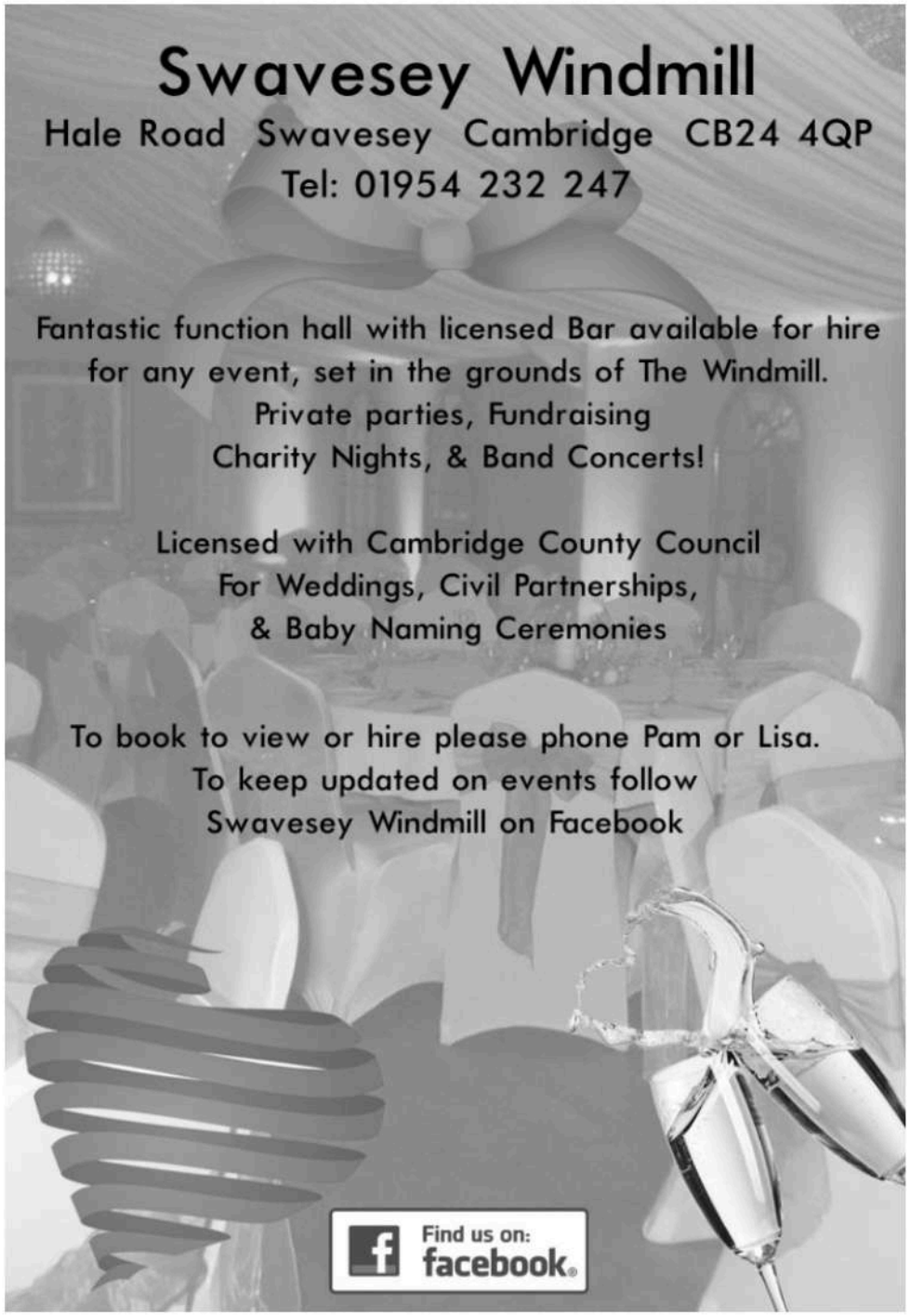
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# Sunday 12th May 2024

With a sunny day and gentle breeze, 214 walkers enjoyed the challenge of visiting the 5 pubs on the 12.5 mile walk, along the River Great Ouse, adjoining meadows, Fen Drayton Nature Reserve and Over Orchard back to the Community Centre at Over.

With 37 cakes baked by volunteers and 22 raffle prizes donated by local businesses and friends of the Over Day Centre, walkers enjoyed a party atmosphere when they collected their well-earned finisher certificates, for this the twelfth year of the 5-pubs walk. Thanks must go to the pubs Pike & Eel, Needingworth; Ferryboat, Holywell; Three Tuns, Fen Drayton; White Horse, Swavesey; and Community Centre, Over. Thanks, too, to our generous sponsors Nick Uttridge, Builders and Ashcroft Vets whose contributions met event expenses so that all donations from walkers will go to the Over Day Centre, this year to enhance the garden areas around the Centre so that clients can enjoy gardening activities including raised beds and a greenhouse. In all, a sum of very nearly £3,700 was raised from the 5-pubs walk.

Particularly pleasing was the good number of walkers who joined the walk for the first time from several local villages as well as those who travelled some distances to join their families and friends in Over. We now look forward to the 13th 5-pubs challenge in May 2025.

Saturday 31st August
10:00am - 1:00pm

# Swavesey Mini Market

**Market Street Green**

**Come along and support three village organisations!**

## Hale Road Allotments

*Fresh allotment grown produce plus jams, preserves and other homemade goodies*

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## WI Cake Stall

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## Swavesey Library Book Sale